



AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORTON, Mel-  
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SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports  
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San  
Francisco  
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Gins & Co. Foochow, THOMPSON &  
Co. Shanghai, H. EGGER & Co. Ma-  
nila, C. KAUTZ & Co.

Arrivals.

Feb. 23, United Service, British steamer,  
777, (name, Shanghai, Feb. 19, General—  
Borneo Co. Limited.  
Feb. 23, British steamer, 235,  
Moorer, Forchovet, Feb. 21, Ballast—  
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Departures.

Feb. 23, China, for Singapore and Bombay,  
23, Madras, for Shanghai.  
23, Madras, for Yokohama.  
23, Clipper, for Whampoa.  
23, Comet, for Bangkok.  
23, Martha, for Tientsin.  
23, Sophia Amalia, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

List of Passengers per S. S. China,  
to sail for the following places on 23rd  
February:  
For Southampton.—Rev. Mr and Mrs  
Moore, 4 children, and native servant, 14.  
J. O. Blake, Capt. F. R. Dray, Messrs  
Laurence Young, Leith, J. T. John, Sgt.  
Major and Mrs Reddy and child, Staff Sgt.  
T. Patrick.  
For Marseilles.—Messrs Lindsay, Lyon,  
Newby, W. Watson, D. R. James.  
For Bombay.—101 crew ex-steamers  
dras.

Shipping Reports.

Brit. bark, Emperor left Newcastle N.S.  
W. Dec. 10th; had fine weather up to the  
Looshoos, from thence strong N.W. winds  
and heavy sea; when near the Saddle  
had southerly winds and thick weather  
arrived in Shanghai Feb. 14th; to Jardine  
Matheson & Co.

N.G. by, Gustaf left Newcastle N.S.W.,  
Dec. 11th, with coals to Lane Crawford &  
Co. Had strong Northerly breezes with  
very heavy sea for five days, then N.W.  
winds till getting into the China Sea; when  
nearing the Looshoos had strong Northerly  
winds and very bad weather; arrived in  
Shanghai on the 12th inst.

Flac, N. Ger. by, left Newport on the  
18th Sept., with a light S.E. wind; then  
moderate N.E. wind to the equator, which  
was crossed on the 18th Oct. in long 26 W;  
from thence to the meridian of the Cape  
strong S.E. wind; ran down eastings in lat.  
33, and from thence to the Lannkwa  
Strait light variable winds; cleared the  
Straits on the 17th Juny, with a light N.  
wind, then N.E. winds to 21 N, and from  
thence until arrival at Shanghai on the 16th  
Feb. light variable winds.

The Ella Gladstone, brig, arrived at Mal-  
bourne from Hong Kong on the 1st Dec.  
The cargo of next day reports her as fol-  
lows:—"The brig Ella Gladstone, from  
Hong Kong, with a full cargo of rice, &c.,  
arrived in the day yesterday afternoon.  
She sailed from Hong Kong on August 18th,  
and encountered very heavy southwesterly  
weather for several days after leaving. It  
was 18deg. N. and long. 114deg. E., during  
severe weather, the cargo shifted, and Cap-  
tain Wolfe bore up for the Pacific route  
by the way of Bashi Channel. Strong S.  
winds were again fallen in with, and  
prevailed to the Ladrone Islands. The line  
was crossed in long. 162deg. E., and from  
thence to the southern tropic, which was  
crossed on November 12th, a succession of  
calms and variable squally weather was ex-  
perienced. The remainder of the passage  
was marked by westerly winds and fine  
weather.

The British steamer United Service, from  
Shanghai, reports the first part of passage  
fine weather until 21st and 22d; then strong  
Northerly gales. Passed the steam-ship  
Malacca in the River; also the French  
steamer, bound up.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.—The Package left some years back at the  
Store of the Undersigned, addressed  
JOSEPH CULLEN, Esq., is not claimed within  
fourteen days from the date hereof, it and  
its contents will be sold to defray expenses.  
BOWRA & Co.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1869. ma8

FOR SALE.  
JESSE THIRION & Co.'s Reims CHAM-  
PAÑNE, "Carte Blanche."  
Instantaneous uncorking by patent mode.  
Apply to  
J. ROSS ANTON.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1869. ma22

SITUATION Wanted by a CLERK,  
who has been for years employed in  
a Mercantile Firm. Best references can be  
given.  
Apply to "A. Z." care of China Mail  
Office.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1869. fe25

New Advertisements.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1869-70.  
SEALED TENDERS, marked on the out-  
side TENDERS FOR BISCUIT, &c., &c.,  
will be received by the undersigned at or be-  
fore Noon on SATURDAY, the 6th proximo,  
for the supply of the following articles for  
the Navy Service, from the 1st April, 1869  
to 31st March, 1870, viz:—  
Biscuit, per lb. .... English weight.  
Soft Bread, per lb. .... do.  
Conditions of Contract can be seen, and  
further particulars obtained, on application  
at this office.  
A. H. PRICE.  
Naval and Victualling Storekeeper.  
Hongkong Victualling Yard,  
20th February, 1869. 6 mar

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1869-70.  
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signed at or before Noon on SATURDAY,  
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lowing articles for the use of the VICTUAL-  
LING DEPARTMENT, from the 1st April,  
1869, to 31st March, 1870, viz:—  
Fresh Beef, per lb. English weight.  
do. Vegetables, .... do.  
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Hongkong, January 13, 1869.

## **THE CHINA MAIL.**

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 1869.

### **OUR SCHOOLS.**

The Chinese, despite their celebrity as contradictions in their habits and manners, bear a striking resemblance to Europeans in all matters where money is the moving principle. Like them they value a thing in proportion to its scarcity or dearth, and in some matters carry this taste far beyond ourselves. Thus Jade, the least beautiful, and perhaps most useless, of valuable stones is esteemed less for its moderate intrinsic beauty, it not even possessing the brilliant flash which so distinguishes the diamond, than for its rarity and difficulty in working. We might fairly expect a people who set so artificial a value upon a gem, and whose peculiarities in this direction might be easily illustrated by naming a score of articles in general use, to be somewhat given in their mental characteristics to the adopting of a similar standard of excellence, and we find this to be the case. The tedious course of study necessary to master the classical books—the contempt with which works written in colloquial style are regarded—the veneration with which ancient, even if useless, articles are regarded—are illustrative of the turn of mind we should naturally expect—that of placing a fictitious value upon whatever is difficult of acquisition, with a very hearty contempt for all that is easy to obtain. It would seem to us that this peculiarity of the native mind should be borne in special mind with regard to the fees charged for native education. In the reports which have annually appeared from the Inspector of Government Schools, this point has not been lost sight of, but has by no means been pushed as far as is desirable; and as the Governor recently announced that it was intended to shortly appoint another assistant master, the present moment is opportune for again drawing attention to the question. We have made some enquiries regarding the most successful native school established by foreigners—The Yeong Hong School, Canton—and find that the scale of charges is unusually high, and yet, notwithstanding this, the attendance is remarkably good. For a course of instruction comprising Chinese reading, writing and composition, English grammar, writing, geography, and arithmetic, the boarders pay \$72, and the day boys \$36 per annum. But previous to the establishment of this institution there were at Canton two or three native schools where English was taught and the fees charged by Chinese masters exclusive of food or lodging varied from \$3 to \$4 per month. If a large number of natives are willing to pay this sum to their own countrymen for the imperfect instruction in English of their children, they would surely be willing to pay an equal or greater sum to enjoy the services of able English masters such as Messrs Stewart and Wilcocks. There is another point of view in which a high rate of fees would be extremely beneficial. The children of respectable Chinese are kept away because their parents do not choose to let them associate with the miscellaneous collection of children of which the present system ensures the attendance. We are apt to put all Chinese in the same category and to overlook the fact that as the tall chandlers' children at home are superior to those of the dustman, so the native merchant's child is looked upon as superior to that of the coolie. Unfortunately our government system fails to secure the former as a pupil, at the price of a questionable advantage to the latter; and a real damage is done to foreign interests by the lowest born becoming our clerks and compradores in place of the class who should naturally furnish employees of that description. It is no fault of the officials at present connected with the Government Schools, and we are sure that His Excellency is willing to do all he can to improve the status of native education. But there still exists a hesitation as to "exclusiveness" in their conduct, and somebody is wanted to raise the system out of the old grooves.

We would suggest the formation of two separate schools—separate as to the status of the scholars and if possible separate as to locality. The upper class to be conducted upon a paying basis and a strict guarantee of respectability of connection, good conduct, and ability to pay the necessary charges, being exacted. The lower school to remain upon its present basis, though it would doubtless furnish several boys as the nucleus of the new upper school. If a really high class school of the nature we describe were established, and boarders were also taken, Canton and the adjacent neighborhood would, we are sure, furnish a respectable quota of scholars. The expenditure would be well worth trying, and we trust that before another year is over some effort in this direction will have been made.

### **LOCAL.**

At the Port of Adelaide, South Australia, we perceive, that orders have been issued for the special observance of the sanitary laws on the arrival of any vessels from China, to prevent the introduction of small pox.

WOMAN in America performs functions which are denied to her in other countries. We find the following notice of marriage in an American paper:—"In Reading, Nov. 3, at the residence of Dr. J. H. Hanford, by Rev. Mrs. P. A. Hanford, assisted by Rev. Olympia Brown of Weymouth, Mr. Alonzo A. Knight to Miss Sarah L. Knight, both of Boston."

A NEW rival to the P. & O. Company is in preparation. A Melbourne paper of Dec. says—"The prospectus of a company to be called 'The British and Australian Steam Navigation Company' has been published. The object of this undertaking is to establish a combined postal and passenger communication between Great Britain and Australia (via the Cape of Good Hope), in forty six days (eight days shorter than the present contract time for the mails via Southampton and Suez) by full-power steamships. The capital of the company is to be £600,000 in 50,000 shares of £10 each. The amount required to be subscribed in the colony will be about £120,000, or one-fifth of the capital, when the first ship, estimated to cost £100,000, will be commenced. The company will require five ships for the monthly service. The balance of capital, it is stated, will be offered for subscription in London." "The minds of the principal Australian merchants have long been directed to such a project, which will ultimately be carried into effect unless the P. & O. Directors consent to equitable terms for a fortnightly service between Galle and the Australian ports."

The following letter, relating to an American vessel appears in the Melbourne Argus, having been received there from the office of the Board of Marine Underwriters of San Francisco. It is dated Sept. 12th:—"The American-built barque *Cochran*, Captain Baldwin, which left Puget Sound, loaded with lumber, bound for Caliao, had not reached that port August 13, the date of our latest advices thence, being then 147 days out; but during the month of June she is reported to have put into Paita, where the captain exchanged his deck load for provisions, and sailed, as was supposed, for his port of destination. Some sixty days having elapsed without her being heard from, and no unusual weather having intervened to prevent her arrival at Caliao, the captain is believed by parties interested here to have run away with vessel and cargo. The *Cochran* was built in 1856, at Newport, R. I., under the name of *Cercio* (Leland, 312 tons register. She is now owned by Fraser & Co., of Shanghai; her cargo consists of about 250,000 feet of lumber, and belongs to Pope and Talbot, of this city consigned to Alsop & Co., of Caliao. The object of this circular is to ask your assistance, should occasion offer, to arrest the said vessel, and we respectfully ask that you will furnish to the above office any information you may receive touching its movements. We shall feel under great obligations to any friend of public justice who will aid in the arrest and detention of the vessel and officer, until such time as this office can be heard from."

TO-DAY'S POLICE. Very little of importance, besides the Holworthy murder case, was before Mr. May to-day. The occupant of No. 19, East Street, Tsingshan, was summoned by Inspector Burton for having killed a pig in the house, contrary to Ordinance, and fined in the sum of \$50.

Another case which was re-heard at request of Mr. Sharp was left undecided, his Worship having undertaken to refer it to H. E. the Governor.

HOLWORTHY MURDER CASE. The three prisoners now in custody on suspicion were again brought up to-day; when Mr. Hazeland proceeded with the case for the prosecution, in the matter of the charge against prisoners of having been concerned in the murder of Mr. Holworthy at the Gap on the 24th January last. The Attorney General attended, and occupied a seat on the bench. D. R. Caldwell, sworn, stated the facts, so far as he recollects of the first interview he had with the witnesses who had given their evidence last sitting. He went to Macao on Sunday, 31st Jan., at 9 p.m., in connection with the arrest of one of the prisoners; and he was the bearer of an official communication for the Governor of Macao. Saw third prisoner in custody in Macao on Monday, the 1st instant. Third prisoner gave his name then as Lo Ataoi, and said he had been four or five months in Macao, and that he had never left it during that time. An interpreter (Portuguese) standing by challenged the prisoner then for having said that he had been in Macao little over a month. This prisoner was brought over in the Macao steamer on Tuesday morning, 2nd instant. Witness informed the prisoner of the charge upon which he was arrested; and was answered "Not me; I have been in Macao several months." To which witness assured him that the matter would be thoroughly inquired into by the Hongkong authorities. Witness here identified an instrument produced to be a mat-packer's iron, and said it was of a smaller size than usual. Dr. Cochran was next called, and deposed in precisely similar terms as in the evidence given before the Coroner at the inquest. After describing the external marks upon the body of Mr. Holworthy, the witness stated that the instrument (mat-packer's iron) produced was a most likely weapon to have caused the wound on the lip, the breaking of the teeth, and the bruise extending from the lip to the ear. Other wounds on the hands and arms might also have been inflicted by a similar instrument. The wounds on the hands were such as would likely be caused while deceased was grasping some one. The bruises on the back of deceased's head could not possibly have been caused by one blow from a stone; and only repeated blows with the instrument produced could have caused the wounds on the back of the head, because they extended from ear to ear. J. D. Humphrey, of the Hongkong Dispensary, was the next witness called; but his statement was very little different from that which he made before the Coroner. No questions were asked by prisoners throughout. The case was remanded until Monday next at 3 p.m.

### **THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

Court Paper for Wednesday, 24th February, at 11 A.M.  
ADJOURNED SPECIAL CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
1.—Low Ayee, Lee Aow, Cheong Akim—Robbery on board ship.  
2.—Wong A-wing—Larceny and receiving stolen goods.

ADJOURNED FEBRUARY CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
1.—Lee A. On, Lung Ayee—Robbery with violence from the person.  
2.—Low Sing Lee—Fraud—(To be discharged by proclamation.)

IN BANKRUPTCY.  
Re *Hana Kier*.  
Public sitting for passing last examination.

### **SUMMARY JURISDICTION COURT.**

(Before the Hon. H. J. BALL.)

Feb. 23, 1869.  
Twelve cases only appeared on the roll of this Court to-day; and the business was got through early.  
Lau Fong v. J. Rich, \$62, balance of account for shipwright work done. This was a question of an account which dated back some two years, and defendant pleaded that he had paid and settled with plaintiff. Plaintiff had only been to him once with a claim for \$40 in February 1863; when the matter was arranged, and the plaintiff went away, never appearing since. Plaintiff, however, asserted that Mr. Rich was at home, and therefore he could not send in the bill; to which defendant replied that his partner was here while he was absent in England. This partner was accordingly put in the box, and proved that no bill was presented by plaintiff during Mr. Rich's absence.  
His Honor remarked that he was not satisfied on the point of the payment; and he would therefore give judgment for plaintiff.

Hongkong and China Gas Company v. J. Krizanowicz, \$45.80.—Mr. Auty, sub-manager of the Company, appeared for the plaintiffs; and defendant did not appear. Judgment went therefore by default.

Mr. Toller complained that, in a case *Song-hing-sau v. Tung-ah*, decided a fortnight ago, in which judgment for illegal detention, &c., was given for \$130 odd, the bailiff had been remiss in carrying out the precept. It was explained by the officer of the Court that there was a set-off by arrangement to settle, and that the balance was paid late last night. All parties admitted that the explanation was satisfactory; and the subject dropped.

Ray and others v. A. McDonald, \$14.70.—This case had been settled out of Court; but defendant appeared, and stated that there was a counter claim. His Honor said that any counter claim would form subject of further action in another case.

Moo Wah and another v. Toy Yuen and others, \$226.26.—Mr. Auty, sub-manager of the Company, appeared for the plaintiffs; and defendant did not appear. Judgment went therefore by default.

Alm v. Francisco Berger, \$247.96, for goods supplied in the shape of velvet dresses, &c. for the defendant.—Mr. Toller appeared for the plaintiffs; and judgment was given for the amount claimed; the claim having been admitted by the defendants. Costa was granted.

Defendant objected to one item, viz., a velvet dress, which (she said) had been previously paid for. Plaintiff, however, insisted that there had been two velvet dresses supplied, and proceeded to make drawings of the same upon a sheet of paper; upon which they resolved themselves into a skirt and a bodice of one dress. Plaintiff was very reluctant to recognize the fact that a bodice and a skirt formed only one dress, and were not charged for as two; and great amusement was caused by this freak of millinery skill. It was finally agreed that a sum of \$200 would be accepted by the plaintiff; and, upon the conditions that Francis would return some dress to the tailor and pay the costs of this action, being agreed to, the lady left the Court.

### **THE NORTH.**

(N. C. Daily News, Feb. 18.)

NEWBOM.—A correspondent writes, under date 29th January, that the approach of native holidays has nearly stopped business; and trade is further affected by the scarcity and dearth of silver, which is rated at 1,712 cash per ton. Malwa is quoted at 1,520; grey shillings, 84lbs. 2s. 1.3; iron bars, good sizes, 1s. 2.90 per 114 cables; sugar—white No. 1. 1s. 7.40, common 1s. 4.50, brown No. 1. 1s. 3.00, No. 2. 2.80, No. 3. 2.60, No. 4. 2.40, No. 5. 2.20, No. 6. 2.00, No. 7. 1.80, No. 8. 1.60, No. 9. 1.40, No. 10. 1.20, No. 11. 1.00, No. 12. 80c. No. 13. 60c. No. 14. 40c. No. 15. 20c. No. 16. 10c. No. 17. 5c. No. 18. 2c. No. 19. 1c. No. 20. 50c. No. 21. 25c. No. 22. 12c. No. 23. 6c. No. 24. 3c. No. 25. 1c. No. 26. 50c. No. 27. 25c. No. 28. 12c. No. 29. 6c. No. 30. 3c. No. 31. 1c. No. 32. 50c. No. 33. 25c. No. 34. 12c. No. 35. 6c. No. 36. 3c. No. 37. 1c. No. 38. 50c. No. 39. 25c. No. 40. 12c. No. 41. 6c. No. 42. 3c. No. 43. 1c. No. 44. 50c. No. 45. 25c. No. 46. 12c. No. 47. 6c. No. 48. 3c. 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